



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

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Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!



PHRF FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

We have had two important, popular races since the last report; Round-the-Bay and Ladybug. There were nine boats competing in the Round-the-Bay on a day with highly variable winds. In the morning the winds were high, near the 20's. But, as the day went on the winds died as the sea breeze fought the land breeze. For a significant time there was no breeze. Made for some really challenging racing. Several boats ultimately gave up after sitting bobbing on basically mirror-like water.

However, the Wilusz have a new boat, and like the old boat, unfortunately, it is very fast. They were the class of the regatta, followed by Mark Hunter in Untamed. The rest of the race results are shown at the right.

Boat Name Skipper

Round the Bay Spinnakers:

1	Blu By You	Craig & Deborah Wilusz
2	Untamed	Mark Hunter
3	Maverick	Bob Hutchinson
4	Avocet	Pat Ballasch
5	Pandemonium	Bill Deming
6	Kahlua	Mickey Duvall
7	Liquid Livin'	Becky Skinner
DNF	Salt	Brian Harrison
DNF	Just-Us	Tony Mefford

Round the Bay Non-Spinnakers:

1	Glory	Gisela Redinger
DNF	Tranquil	Michael Phillips
DNF	Free Bird	Dennis Phillips
DNF	Altair	Jeff Hazelwood



The Ladybug Regatta again was a great time. The ladies showed their abilities, helping their vessels in a very competitive race. In fact, Maverick bested Avocet, but only by 3 seconds! This required a number of calculations and re-calculations to make sure the numbers were correct. Congratulations to both boats. The results are listed below.

	Boat Name	Helm	sperson	PHRF	Finish	Corrected
Ladybug						
1	Maverick	Pat Hutchinson		126	14:00:32	14:00:32
2	Avocet	Christa Strang Heather Van Dyke		165	14:07:05	14:00:35
3	Pandemonium	Jessica Deming		156	14:07:01	14:02:01
4	Kahlua	Pat Duvall Mindy Barrett		213	14:16:51	14:02:21
5	Glory	Gisela Redinger		153	14:33:03	14:28:32
6	Irish Lady	Joan McCarthy Julie Barnhouse		180	14:53:19	14:44:19
7	Free Bird	Lorraine Phillips		216	15:25:48	15:10:48

The next regatta will be the Wednesday on Sunday Race. This is a new trial in which we will use the same format as the Wednesday races. This means the race will be to a government mark with everyone turning when the first boat passes the mark. Thus there will be three winners (a pitcher of beer), the first to the mark, and the first back with spinnaker and first back without spinnakers. Sounds like a lot of fun, doesn't it?

PHRF Fleet Captain Neville Edenborough



Wednesday Night Races

We had 12 boats start the race with a nice light (10 kts or less) breeze. Race Committee was Altair who set up a start line which was sufficiently wide but angled SE - NW. Despite that they started the sequence close to the right time but things fell apart after that. The design was to be at the East pin at the start and run the line but they had "technical" difficulties. Therefore the fleet who was planning to start towards the West pin had to fall down and run the line until they found their wayward race committee flailing and pass her stern to start. One boat "Whit's End" just past the RC boat in front of her bow but we told her to keep on going.

Altair gave herself -1 style points for incompetence. We appreciate the honesty, but in your defense, Avocet still reigns supreme on race committee fouls.

The upwind race was briefed to Grass Lake but the RC changed the course to Boggy 1. Lavita never got the word and made a bee line to Grassy. Maybe RC should display the Change of Course flag in the future if it differs from the board in Schooners. Just a thought.

The mark rounding was tight with Maverick and Avocet both doing their 3 turns prior to Boggy. The rounding win went to Maverick with Avocet right behind and then Cambria powering down for a nice 1,2,3 close competition.

One point on the required 360 degree turns. The 360 degree turn must be a full 360 degree turn prior to the rounding. If you are beating up to the mark and decide to jibe around instead of tack to a new heading that is only a 270 degree turn. The proper way would be to tack and then continue a full turn from that point. No direct accusations there, just a thought (This time)

All boats sailed and finished except one. There seems to always be one in the crowd. Liquid Livin' with her all girl crew got distracted as they bumped bumped bumped along until they couldn't go anymore. They abandoned the race but took a personal victory as they declared they got off by themselves. You just can't beat that.

Brett Hinely, Wednesday Night Fleet Captain

- ## June 27 Results
11. Iwalani
 10. Fred Hurlburt
 9. Whits End
 8. Cambria
 7. Altair
 6. Maverick
 5. Avocet
 4. Lavita
 3. Ice Bear +1 style point
 2. Faneromi (would have finished first, but had to do their required 360 turn)
 1. Irish Lady +1 style point



Small Boat Racing

The June 24th race was postponed due to weather from Tropical Storm Debbie. The following dates are still on schedule:

Date	Race Committee
15-July	Zack Kastl
19-August	Bill Deming
9-September	Kevin Wildt

We still need to makeup two races from earlier this season and get someone to run the last one on 21 Oct The dates which appear best for the makeup races are Jul 29, Aug 12, Aug 26, Sep 30.

Please let me know if you want to volunteer.

I'm hopeful that the weather will cooperate with our race planning in the future.

Small Boat Fleet Captain, Mark Hunter

COMMODORE'S

STORY

Welcome to the "Dog Days" of summer. Heat and humidity are up and afternoon thunderstorms are happening on a regular basis. We're also in the middle of hurricane season so please make sure you have your boat and house ready for the possibility of a storm. Having said all that we still have a lot of activities planned by the club for your enjoyment.

We had our long distance Round-the-Bay race in late June and we had quite a large variety of conditions for this race. Thanks to Zack Kastl for running a great race and all boats were in early enough to have a post race party that night. The race started in pretty windy conditions that lasted till most of the boats were all the way down the Bay. Unfortunately getting under the Mid-Bay bridge was a little bit of a challenge and Just Us had an incident with the cement bridge. The nose of their boat hit the cement and caused some fiberglass damage. Tony will get to practice his fiberglass skills with this one. Untamed was moving very well through the waves and pointing very high but ran into a slow spot going north on the way back. A new Hobie 33 rolled past everyone on the spinnaker run back and was able to finish first. Six boats were able to finish pretty close to each other at the finish which says a lot about the handicap system. Good job everyone for a race well done.

The Demings hosted another 4th of July party for the club and we were treated to great food and drink. The fireworks viewed from their dock was pretty good also. A little rain at the beginning of the party did not dampen anyone's spirit and everyone seem to have a really nice time. Thanks to Bill and Doris for hosting this annual event. We also had our Ladybug race in early July where the ladies get to show off their helming expertise. Seven boats participated and Pat on Maverick edged out the ladies on Avocet by 3 seconds. Even though other boats were trying to distract Pat at the start she held her position and had a great start and led for the whole race. I guess anyone that can live with Bob can tune out the other competitors. Rumor has it that your friendly commodore even tried to get her to turn before she was ready. Roses for all the ladies were provided as well as gifts to the winners from Victoria Secret.

Wednesday night races are continuing and there has been as many as 30 plus different boats participate. The running start format has been working and everyone is getting more comfortable with this style of start. It's good because it also allows the race committee to race. The race is simple and everyone seems to be having a great time if you listen to all the talk back at LJ Schooner's afterwards. This racing provides lots of opportunities for everyone to practice their boating skills and even try new things like flying spinnaker. Nice variety of sail colors every time. Small boats are also racing so please contact Mark Hunter if you are interested in running a race or racing.

There will be some nice activities coming up in the near future with the Wednesday night race on a Sunday. Very similar to the Wednesday night race but held on a Sunday afternoon. Something different that should be fun. We also have a night race to try and beat the mid day heat and sun. Racing at night brings on its own challenges and is a lot of fun. Small boats races will continue and well as the Wednesday night racing. Brett will try to have an "all hands race" where he gets as many of the racers to come out on one specific night and see how many boats we can get. The Circle Raft-up is coming in September, weather permitting, and we need to start thinking about the Bay Challenge with Fort Walton Beach Yacht Club. They won it last year and are hosting it this year. We are in negotiations with them to determine the format for this year's race. Please support the club for this event.

Thanks to everyone for participating in our events this year. Be safe and see you on the water.

Commodore Mickey Duvall

Night Race AUGUST 4TH

Registration
5:30 pm to 6:00 pm
Skipper's Meeting
6:00 pm
Race Start
7:00 pm



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Upcoming Events

Sun., July 15	Small Boat Race
Sun., July 22	Wednesday Night on Sunday Race
Sat., August 4	Night Race
Sun., August 19	Small Boat Race
September 8 - 9	Circle Raft-Up
Sun., September 9	Small Boat Race
Sat., September 15	September Regatta
Sat., September 22	Challenge Cup
Sat., October 13	Single Handed

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